

ABSTRACT

An information processing apparatus is disclosed which allows a user easily to utilize an application program in a user-specific operating environment on different computers. Loaded with a storage medium including at least a storage area that stores a media ID and the application program and another storage area into which to store user-specific setting information in write-once fashion, the information processing apparatus has a suitable operating environment set up using environment setting information which is found on the loaded storage medium and which at least includes the user setting information. In the user-specific operating environment thus set up, the application program held on the same storage medium is started and executed.